

State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

Executive Order G-97-067

WHEREAS, title 13, California Code of Regulations, section 2292.6 provides that liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) intended for use in motor vehicles in California must have a propylene (propene) content not exceeding ten volume percent for LPG sold or supplied between January 1, 1992 and December 31, 1996, and not exceeding five volume percent for LPG sold or supplied on or after January 1, 1997;

WHEREAS, section 2292.6 also provides that LPG intended for use in motor vehicles in California must have a propane content of at least 80 volume percent for LPG sold or supplied between January 1, 1992 and December 31, 1996, and at least 85 percent for LPG sold or supplied on or after January 1, 1997;

WHEREAS, the reason that the required minimum propane content of LPG increases at the same time and in the same amount as the required maximum propene content of LPG declines is because it may not be practical to meet a minimum propane content standard of 85 percent with LPG having the maximum propene content of 10 percent;

WHEREAS, in response to a petition from the Western Propane Gas Association (WPGA) and a proposal from staff, at a March 27, 1997 hearing, the Air Resources Board (the Board) adopted a regulatory amendment to the required specifications for LPG intended for use in motor vehicles in California, which retains the maximum propene limit of ten volume percent through December 31, 1998, and to delay imposition of the maximum propene limit of five volume percent until January 1, 1999; this action was effected by the adoption of Resolution 97-15;

WHEREAS, through an oversight, staff failed to propose a two-year postponement of the increase in minimum propane content to accompany the two-year postponement of the decline in maximum propene content;

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to modify the amendments adopted by the Board in this rulemaking to conform the minimum propane content limits to the maximum propene limits by adding a two-year postponement, from January 1, 1997 to January 1, 1999, of the 85 percent minimum propane content limit;

WHEREAS, modified regulatory language including a two-year postponement of the 85 percent minimum propane content limit until January 1, 1999 was made available for a supplemental 15-day comment period, in accordance with the provisions of Title 1, California Code of Regulations, section 44, with the modifications clearly indicated;

WHEREAS, one written comment was received during the supplemental 15-day comment period supporting the modification; and

WHEREAS, Attachment 1 hereto contains the text of the amendments to section 2292.6, title 13, California Code of Regulations, as adopted by the Board at the March 27, 1997, with the addition of a two-year postponement of the 85 percent minimum propane limit from January 1, 1997 to January 1, 1999;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the recitals and findings contained in Resolution 97-15 are incorporated herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the amendments to section 2292.6, title 13, California Code of Regulations are hereby adopted as set forth in Attachment 1 hereto.

Executed _____, 1997, at Sacramento, California.

Michael P. Kenny
Executive Officer

Attachment